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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Stephen A. Thomas et al. ) Art Unit: 2633  
Serial No.: 10/045,652 ) Confirmation No.: 1907  
Filed: October 26, 2001 ) Examiner: A. Bello  
For: Method and System for Processing )  
Downstream Packets of an Optical )  
Network )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 18, 2005

Responsive to the Official Office Action mailed on November 18, 2004 and with a petition and one-month extension of time fee to extend the due date to March 18, 2005, the Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

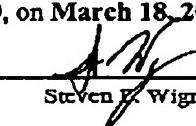
**AMENDMENT**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to telephone number 703-872-9306, Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, Attn. Examiner Bello, GAU 2633, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 18, 2005.

  
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